

**Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message Number 9,**

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 5 PM.

**For the period of September 18th – September 24th all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except as follows:**

**Area 6D Dungeness Bay** will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

**Area 7B Bellingham Bay** will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> continuously through midnight Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Hales Pass is closed. Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

**Area 7B Bellingham Bay** will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> continuously through 6 PM Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Brailing and recovery box are required. All coho must be released within the Hales Pass closure area. Refer to page 21 of the Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet for closure boundaries.

**Area 8A Port Susan and Port Gardner** (waters north of a line from the Mukilteo Ferry Dock to Clinton Ferry Dock only) will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for vessels "CAPE FLATTERY" and "SEA PRIDE" only. Release Chinook and Chum.

**Area 8D Tulalip Bay** (waters west of a line from Mission Point to Hermosa Point) will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size on the following dates and times:

6 PM Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

6 PM Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to 8 AM Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

6 PM Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 8 AM Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Area 8D Tulalip Bay** will be open to purse seines with a 5-inch strip from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Release Chinook.

**Area 9A Port Gamble Bay** will be open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size continuously through 7 PM Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

**Area 12A Quilcene Bay** will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, from 7 AM to 7 PM daily; Monday, September 19th through Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Release all Chinook and chum.

**Area 12A Quilcene Bay** will be open to skiff gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7AM to 7PM Friday, September 23. Closed south of a line from Point Whitney to Tabook Point. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

If you suspect an error in this message, or if you have questions please contact Steve Thiesfeld at (360) 902-2715. Thank you for calling the WDFW hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.